

**ABINGDON SCHOOL ORCHESTRA & BIG BAND TOUR TO  
JAPAN AND HONG KONG  
30 JUNE – 10 JULY 2019**

DRAFT ITINERARY – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**Day 1 – Sunday 30 June**

Fly to Hong Kong

**Day 2 – Monday 1 July**

Depart Hong Kong for Tokyo

Either home-stay accommodation with British School families or hotel accommodation near to the British School in Tokyo.

**Day 3 – Tuesday 2 July**

Tokyo

**Visit Tokyo Sky Tree**



The 634 metre (2080 feet) **Tokyo Sky Tree** is the world's second tallest structure behind the 828m (2717ft) Burj Khalifa in Dubai.

Coach transfer to BST Showa Campus

**Abingdon Orchestra sets up** on the stage of the Showa Women's University Hitomi Memorial Hall

This 2000 seater hall was built in 1980. It is noted for its excellent acoustics and many celebrated orchestras have performed here in the past including the Wiener Philharmoniker, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the LSO and the CBSO. The hall is used as a cultural function venue for students and pupils.



**Joint rehearsal for BST and Abingdon  
Orchestras**

**Joint Japanese/British Prom Style Concert**

Part of BST's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

**Day 4 – Wednesday 3 July**

**Half day coach tour of Tokyo** to include:

**Tokyo Science & Innovation Museum in Odaiba**



One of the highlights of this museum is the real-time displays of data from a huge array of seismometers across Japan which shows the country gently vibrating.

**Tokyo Imperial Palace** is the primary residence of the Emperor of Japan



### **Bullet Train to Nagoya**

Transfer to Toho High School

Homestay accommodation and evening meal with school families

### **Day 5 – Thursday 4 July**

Nagoya

### **Joint concert with Toho High School**

### **Day 6 – Friday 5 July**

Nagoya/Kyoto

**Coach tour** to include visits to some of Nagoya's famous sites:

- The Atsuta Shrine
- Nagoya Castle
- The Temple of Ōsu Kannon – 14<sup>th</sup> century
- Toyota Car Museum

### **The Temple of Ōsu Kannon**



Transfer to Kyoto, hotel accommodation.

### **Day 7 – Saturday 6 July**

Kyoto

**Coach tour** including visits to Fushimi Inari Shrine, Nara Todaiji Temple and Arashiyama

**Rehearsal** (possible venue: St Agnes Episcopal Church, Kyoto)



**Concert** in St Agnes

### **Day 8 – Sunday 7 July**

Depart Kyoto for Hong Kong

Botanical gardens and free time

### **Day 9 – Monday 8 July**

Hong Kong

**Sightseeing tour** to include Bauhinia Square, Repulse Bay, Deep Water Bay and Stanley Market

**Rehearsal** in St John's Cathedral



**St John's Cathedral** is the oldest Anglican cathedral in the Far East. It serves as the cathedral of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and church to the Province of Hong Kong and Macau

### **Concert in St John's Cathedral**

## **Day 10 – Tuesday 9 July**

Ocean Park and depart Hong Kong

**Ocean Park**, lying between Aberdeen and Repulse Bay, is one of the largest marine parks in the world. A cable car system links the lowland and headland sections and provides spectacular views of Hong Kong and the South China Sea. There are over 40 major attractions in the park.



Transfer to Hong Kong airport – flight home

## **Day 11 – Wednesday 10 July**

Arrive back in UK